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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ABOARD VESSEL CYS HOPE

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1. UNHCR REP LUISE DRUKE WAS VOLUBLY DISAPPOINTED AT INABILITY OF USG TO FURNISH GUARANTEES FOR THE 20 REMAINING REFUGEES ABOARD VESSEL CYS HOPE NOT TAKEN BY FRENCH AND BELGIANS. SHE APPARENTLY MISUNDERSTOOD MESSAGE FROM GENEVA WHICH INDICATED THAT 15 OF THE 20 APPEARED TO QUALIFY FOR ENTRY INTO U.S. AS CAT I OR II UNDER LRP AND HAD OBTAINED TWENTY-FOUR HOUR DELAY IN VESSEL'S DEPARTURE FOR TOKYO IN ORDER TO ARRANGE FOR THEIR DISEMBARKING. ONCE RECONCILED TO FACT THAT USG WAS NOT IN POSITION TO FURNISH GUARANTEE, HOWEVER, SHE SOUNDED OUT OTHER MISSIONS ENERGETICALLY.

2. DRUKE INFORMED US JULY 14 THAT CANADIANS HAD AGREED TO FURNISH GUARANTEES FOR ALL 20, THAT THEY HAD ALL BEEN DISEMBARKED HERE IN SINGAPORE, AND THAT VESSEL HAD SAILED FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 3. ALTHOUGH CANADIANS WILL BE TECHNICALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES FROM SINGAPORE, WE WILL BE UNDERTAKING NORMAL PROCESSING OF CAT I AND II CASES AMONG THEM.
- 4. AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TOLD EMBOFF PRIVATELY THAT

HIS MISSION WAS A BIT TAKEN ABACK BY THE RATHER APOCALYPTIC MANNER IN WHICH MS. DRUKE HANDLED THIS CASE. IN THIS INSTANCE, HOWEVER, IT SEEMS TO HAVE WORKED. INGRAHAM

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